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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6018

BILL NUMBER: HB 1210

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 29, 2008

BILL AMENDED: Jan 28, 2008

SUBJECT: Teacher Certification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Sipes

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill allows an individual who has failed the teacher licensing examination at least two times to demonstrate proficiency by having the individual present verification to the department of education that the individual has: (1) successfully completed all other requirements of a teacher education program; (2) attained certain grade point averages; and (3) demonstrated a successful student teaching experience; as well as submitting letters of recommendation from certain faculty members.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary-* Teacher licence applicants pay to take the PRAXIS qualifying examination. Since applicants pay a private testing service for the examination, there would be no savings to the Department for fewer examinations taken. However, the Department would have to process certification documentation sent by teacher education schools within existing resources. The bill does not make an appropriation to cover additional processing expenditures.

Background Information-

_____Areas of Proficiency Certified by Teacher Education Schools Under Bill- The areas of proficiency that could be certified by an applicant's school are basic reading, writing, mathematics, pedagogy, specialized teaching areas, and phonemic awareness and phonics instruction if seeking licensure as an elementary school teacher.

Department Reversions- The Department reverted \$5.2 M to the state General Fund at the close of FY 2007.

PRAXIS Examinations- PRAXIS examinations are given by ETS (the current PRAXIS vendor) to applicants directly at various colleges and universities in the state. The PRAXIS examination is offered in either paper/pencil or computer-based form. Applicants may retake the examination an unlimited number of times. The registration fee of \$50 is annual and does not apply to the computer exams. The fee is \$40 per test area for the Praxis I (Academic Skills Assessment) paper/pencil examination. All three required categories (reading, writing, and mathematics) total \$120 in fees. Fees for computer-based tests are \$80 for one test, \$120 for two tests, and \$160 for three tests.

The following table shows the current cut-scores for both versions of PRAXIS I.

Test Area	Paper/Pencil	Computer
Reading	176	323
Writing	172	318
Mathematics	175	320

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Educational Testing Service: www.ets.org; Indiana Department of Education, Division of Professional Standards website: www.doe.state.in.us/dps/faq/teachertesting.html.

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